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April 8, 1999

### BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable Alexis Herman  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Herman:

The Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs is conducting oversight of the Department of Labor's draft ergonomics regulatory proposal prepared by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration. The Subcommittee is especially concerned about the economic impacts of this draft rule on U.S. businesses and the extent of OSHA's examination of those impacts.

Pursuant to the Constitution and Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, please provide the Subcommittee with the following:

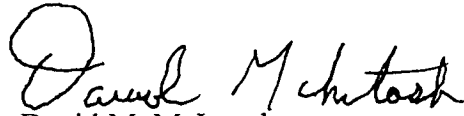
- (1) Any draft regulatory impact analysis of the draft rule which discusses issues relating to the estimated costs, benefits and other impacts of this proposal;
- (2) Any draft Regulatory Flexibility Act evaluation of the potential effects of this draft rule on small organizations and small governmental jurisdictions including: (a) a description of the reasons why action by the agency is being considered; (b) a succinct statement of the objectives of, and legal basis for, the draft rule; (c) a description of and, where feasible, an estimate of the number of small entities to which the draft rule will apply; and, (d) a description of the projected reporting, recordkeeping and other compliance requirements of the draft rule, including an estimate of the classes of small entities which will be subject to the requirement and the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the reporting or recordkeeping; and,
- (3) A list of alternatives OSHA examined which would accomplish substantially the same objectives as the draft rule.

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Please provide your responses to these questions and the production of any relevant documents by no later than 1:00 p.m., May 7, 1999 to the Subcommittee, Room B377 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. Please contact Jason Hopfer, Chief Counsel with any questions at (202) 226-4376.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. McIntosh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent.

David M. McIntosh

Chairman,

Subcommittee on National Economic  
Growth, Natural Resources and  
Regulatory Affairs.

cc: The Honorable Dan Burton  
The Honorable Dennis Kucinich